GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on litigation by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) on Industrial disputes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the expenditure on this aspect is on the rise; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Actual expenditure incurred by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) on all legal cases during the last three years is as under:

1999-2000	Rs. 36,39,983
2000-2001	Rs. 63,13,138
2001-2002	Rs. 59,17,099

Actual expenditure on litigation on industrial disputes is not separately maintained.

(b) & (c): Certain payments relating to the year 1999- 2000 have been made in 2000-01 because of delay in submission of professional bills by the advocates. Besides, there has been increase in fees of the advocates, revision of Railway fares and daily allowances. All these have contributed to increase in legal expenditures. However, there has been a decrease in expenditure in 2001-02.